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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S
EUROPEAN VISIT

1. THE PRESIDENT IS PLANNING TO ANNOUNCE VICE PRESIDENT'S
MID-MAY VISIT TO EUROPE ON TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1977. THE
PROPOSED TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: AS YOU KNOW I LEAVE FOR LONDON LATER
THIS WEEK FOR SUMMIT TALKS OF THE VERY GREATEST IMPORTANCE
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TO THIS NATION'S INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
INTERESTS. THESE TALKS ARE CENTRAL TO THE PRIORITY STEPS
I AM TAKING IN THE FIRST YEAR OF MY ADMINISTRATION WITH
OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES TO ENSURE THE GREATEST POSSIBLE
UNDERSTANDING, COOPERATION AND PROGRESS IN OUR COMMON
INTERESTS.

3. I AM VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE TODAY THAT I AM ASKING VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO UNDERTAKE AN IMPORTANT OVERSEAS MISSION IN MY BEHALF LATER THIS MONTH.

4. THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE TRAVELLING TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, AUSTRIA AND YUGOSLAVIA ON A MISSION THAT WILL ENABLE THIS ADMINISTRATION TO PURSUE AS EFFECTIVELY AS

POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES THAT ARE ALSO CENTRAL TO THE GOALS OF MY ADMINISTRATION. IN LISBON AND MADRID, THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL CONTINUE THE IMPORTANT CONSULTATIONS WE HAVE BEGUN WITH THE PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH GOVERNMENTS. I BELIEVE I SPEAK FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHEN I SAY HOW VERY DEEPLY ENCOURAGED WE ARE BY THE RETURN TO DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL AND BY THE STEPS SPAIN IS TAKING TO BUILD A TRUE AND JUST DEMOCRACY. WE VALUE THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS WITH THESE GOVERNMENTS AT THIS IMPORTANT TIME IN THEIR HISTORIES -- CONSULTATIONS WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO BUILD ON OUR COOPERATION IN ALL FIELDS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

5. THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO VIENNA, AUSTRIA WILL HAVE TWO PRIME OBJECTIVES. WE VIEW AUSTRIA AS A GOOD FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES. I HAVE THE HIGHEST RESPECT FOR THE AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR, BRUNO KREISKY, WHOM I REGARD AS AN IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL STATESMAN AND I HAVE ASKED THE VICE PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH THE CHANCELLOR AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT NOT ONLY FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS, BUT ALSO SO THAT WE MAY HAVE
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THE BENEFIT OF THEIR VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

6. A FEW WEEKS AGO I MENTIONED THAT I HAD ASKED THE VICE PRESIDENT TO PLAY A CENTRAL ROLE IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH SECRETARY VANCE AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG, IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY TOWARD AFRICA. IN KEEPING WITH THAT ROLE THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA WHILE HE IS IN VIENNA. PRIME MINISTER VORSTER HAD EXPRESSED TO US AN INTEREST IN MEETING WITH A HIGH-LEVEL U.S. EMISSARY TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN'S EFFORTS TO MAKE PROGRESS ON RHODESIA. SEPARATELY WE HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE BRITISH AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS ON THE ISSUE OF NAMIBIA. THE TALKS IN VIENNA WILL ENABLE THE VICE PRESIDENT, IN MY BEHALF, TO DISCUSS THESE COMPLEX ISSUES WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER AND

TO STATE OUR VIEWS ON THE CRUCIAL ROLE WHICH MUST BE
PLAYED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IN BRINGING THE
NEEDED CHANGES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

7. IN THIS REGARD WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO PRIME MINISTER
KREISKY FOR THE HOSPITALITY BEING GIVEN BY THE AUSTRIAN
GOVERNMENT.

8. THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA FOR TALKS
WITH PRESIDENT TITO AND MEMBERS OF THE YUGOSLAV LEADER-
SHIP WILL MARK THE FIRST HIGH-LEVEL U.S.-YUGOSLAV CON-
SULTATIONS UNDER MY ADMINISTRATION. THE U.S. PLACES
IMPORTANCE ON YUGOSLAVIA'S INDEPENDENCE, POLITICAL
UNITY, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND WE RECOGNIZE YUGOSLAV-
IA'S AND PRESIDENT TITO'S VITAL ROLE IN PROVIDING
LEADERSHIP TO THE NONALIGNED WORLD. I BELIEVE THESE EARLY
CONSULTATIONS WITH PRESIDENT TITO WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE.

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9. FINALLY, I HAVE ASKED THE VICE PRESIDENT TO INCLUDE A
STOP IN THE U.K. TO CONTINUE THE CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WE
ARE CONDUCTING WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON DEVELOP-
MENTS RELATED TO SOUTHERN AFRICA. END TEXT.

10. AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE AT EACH POST IS REQUESTED TO
OBTAIN CONCURRENCE ON RELEVANT PORTION OF ANNOUNCEMENT TEXT
FROM HOST GOVERNMENT. PLEASE ADVISE NO LATER THAN NOON
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